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DEPTEL 184 - SUPERSONICS.

[redacted] INFORMED US OVER WEEKEND [redacted] HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY UAR EMBASSY WITH NEW OFFER THAT IF JORDAN WOULD BUY TWO SQUADRONS (12 PLANES EACH) OF MIG 21S AT UAC PRICE, SOVIETS WILLING CONTRIBUTE ON GRANT BASIS THIRD

PAGE 2 RUQMKG 04A S E C R E T
SQUADRON OF MIG 17S [redacted] REJECTED OFFER ON GROUNDS THIS WOULD MEAN SOVIET TRAINERS WHICH JORDAN COULD NOT RISK.

2. SAID HE HAD ALSO TALKED WITH BRITISH ABOUT LIGHTNINGS AND NOW PREPARED RECOMMEND TO KING HUSSEIN THAT LIGHTNINGS BEST AVAILABLE PROPOSITION. APPARENTLY LANGUAGE FACTOR, KNOWLEDGE OF TECHNICAL TERMS WEIGHING INCREASINGLY IN FAVOR OF UK AIRCRAFT.

3. MEANWHILE UK TEAM HAS ARRIVED AND SPENT MORNING OCTOBER 30 WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL AMER KHAMMASH. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WHEN INFORMING ME OF INITIAL ROUND DISCUSSIONS MADE NO RPT NO REFERENCE TO ANY ARRANGEMENTS WITH USG AND ASKED NO QUESTIONS. SAID KHAMMASH HAD FLATLY REJECTED ANYTHING LESS THAN 36 PLANES FOR WHICH WITH SPARES ET AL

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